TEACH FITNESS CONCEPTS & CORE STRENGTH; A GREAT 1-2 PUNCH!

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Get ready for an incredible workout with and without equipment!
The purpose of this web site is to provide information about a developmental/progressive approach to strength training & fitness for all to learn, understand and practice.

The progression is not unique, however it is important and necessary to follow for each person's safety and to quickly achieve success in strength training & overall fitness. To learn about the developmental progression towards better strength training & fitness click on one of the links below.
Phase I - Muscular Endurance

This phase is a beginning lifting program for inexperienced lifters, young lifters and endurance Sport Athletes

- Sets are Moderate – 3 to 4 sets
- Repetitions are High – 10 to 15 reps
- Intensity Level is Low – 60% to 65% of 1RM (repetition maximum)
- Rest Interval is Short – 30 seconds to 1 minute in length
Phase II – Muscular Strength

An overall moderate lifting program for all types of people & athletes who have had some lifting experience. At one time this routine was universal for all lifters

- Sets are Moderate – 3 to 4 sets
- Repetitions are Moderate – 8 to 10 reps
- Intensity Level is Moderate – 70% to 75% of 1RM (repetition maximum)
- Rest Interval is Moderate – 1 to 2 minutes
Phase III – Muscular Power

An advanced lifting program only for experienced lifters and for those individuals who can handle high weight/intensity with good lifting form/technique

- Sets are High – 4 to 6 sets
- Repetitions are Low – 2 to 6 reps
- Intensity Level is High – 80% to 95 % of 1RM (repetition maximum)
- Rest Interval is Long – 2 to 3 minutes, but never longer than 3 minutes
Phase IV – Individual Choice

In this phase the lifter will develop their own personal workout routine, with the assistance of the instructor/coach:

- Specificity of selected lifts and routine is the basis of this phase
- Goals are set by each individual lifter
- Cross-over routines are used, such as light ladder or heavy ladder
Phase IV - Examples

Split 4 workout routine
- Upper body lifts only on Monday & Thursday
- Lower body lifts only on Tuesday & Friday
- Wednesday is Cardio & Agility day

Monday/Wednesday/Friday routine
- Full body workout (Upper & Lower body)
- Longer session in weight room is needed
- Tuesday/Thursday is Cardio & Agility days
Teach Strength Training Concepts

- Explain the three basic types of strength training programs/routines
- Teach & discuss all safety rules & weight room rules
- Teach the proper loading and unloading of the weights from the bars and weight trees
- Teach the proper spotting techniques
Teach Strength Training Concepts

- Teach the proper warm-up routines & stretching routines for lifting weights
  - NOTE: Use Dynamic warm-up routines as often as possible to get the best results
- Teach proper range of motion when lifting weights
  - Full range of motion, no ½ or ¼ movements
- Teach proper lifting rhythm
  - 4 counts with gravity (down and/or towards body)
  - 2 counts against gravity (up and/or away from body)
Teach Strength Training Concepts

- Teach proper breathing technique
  - Inhale whenever the bar and/or weight is coming towards you or downward in motion
  - Exhale whenever the bar and/or weight is going away from you or upward in motion
Teach Strength Training Concepts

**Variation**

Variation in your exercise routine is very important to keep you moving toward your fitness goal, to keep you from hitting a fitness plateau. Because your body adapts quickly to the stress that is applied to it, you need to change your workout routine every 4 to 6 weeks, and consider cross-training to keep your workout routine fresh.

Variation in your workout can occur in several ways:

- Change the intensity level of your workout.
- Change the repetitions along with the intensity level of your workout. Note: When the intensity level goes up the repetitions should go down, when the intensity level goes down the repetitions should go up.
- Change the duration/time/length of the workout.
- Change the types of exercise/apparatus used during the workout.
- Change the sequence of exercises you are already doing to create variety and a new overload. Because the muscles are being fatigued in a different order or pattern, they must adapt to this change in stimulus.
- Replace some or all of the exercises in your routine.
- Utilize Cross Training in your workout routine to make it more interesting.
Teach Strength Training Concepts

- Teach how to do a Estimated 1 Repetition Maximum
  - An estimated 1RM is used instead of an actual 1RM to reduce the probability of injury to the lifter. It is safer process than an actual 1RM and a lot quicker to complete.
  - The lifter will need to be taught how to use the estimated 1RM chart to find their 1RM number.
**Specificity**

The principle that the body adapts very specifically to the training stimuli that is applied, which the body is required to deal with. The body will perform best at the specific speed, type of contraction, muscle-group usage and energy source usage it has become accustomed to in training. In order to improve your strength, endurance and fitness, you have to progressively increase the frequency, intensity and time of your workouts. A simple way to stimulate your body is to try different activities. Because the body will adapt in a highly specific way to the training it receives, a strong athletic foundation is needed before specific training methods will work optimally. The Specificity Principle simply states that for these reasons, training must go from highly general training to highly specific training. The principle of Specificity also implies that to become better at a particular exercise or skill, you must perform that exercise or skill. Your strength training exercises should try to emulate the same movements that you intend to perform during competition/sport/activity.
Teach Strength Training Concepts

- Teach partner lifting
  - One partner will lift while the other partner is spotting and resting.
  - Partner lifting is good for both lifters for the following reasons:
    - Motivation
    - Safety
    - Rest interval
    - Ease of congestion in the weight room
Teach Strength Training Concepts

- Teach the importance of proper rest and recuperation/recovery between sets during a lifting routine/workout.
  - Rest between sets is crucial to making a lifting routine successful.
  - The length of the rest interval will be different for each lifting routine chosen:
    - Endurance – 30 seconds to 1 minute rest
    - Strength – 1 minute to 2 minutes rest
    - Power – 2 minutes to 3 minutes rest
Teach Strength Training Concepts

- Teach the importance of proper rest and recuperation/recovery:
  - 48 hours of rest is necessary for full recovery of the muscles that were working and fatigued.
- Active Rest & Passive Rest
  - Active Rest – Any non-lifting activity that increases the blood flow/circulation of blood to the muscle tissues, without fatigue
  - Passive Rest – Total rest, non-activity
    - Sleeping / walking / relaxation programs
Teach Strength Training Concepts

- Teach muscle grouping of exercises/lifts
  - Front Back Concept Lifting Routine
    - Chest lift – Back lift
    - Biceps lift – Triceps lift
    - Quad lift – Hamstring lift
    - Push – Pull
  - Split routine
    - Upper body lifts only on Monday/Thursday
    - Lower body lifts only on Tuesday/Friday
      - Wednesday is agility & cardio day
    - Upper body lifts only on Monday/Wednesday/Friday
    - Lower body lifts only on Tuesday/Thursday/Saturday
Teach Strength Training Concepts

- Teach the correct lifting techniques on all weighted and non-weighted exercises in the weight room
  - Live demonstrations (Teacher or Student lifter)
  - Video demonstrations (commercially purchased or create your own)
  - Photos / Posters
  - Consider skill testing on 2 or 3 basic lifts using a check list for checking the various points in the lift
Teach Strength Training Concepts

- The importance of correct Lifting Technique
  - Paramount for all inexperienced and young lifters
  - Paramount for anyone who is handling heavy weight/resistance
  - Concentration/focus should be on proper form/technique and not on immediate strength gains
Teach Strength Training Concepts

- Teach Plyometric Exercises
  - Dynamic Warm-up routines
  - Box Jumps / Depth Jumps
  - Form Running drills
  - Dot drills
  - Medicine ball drills
  - Agility Ladders
  - Kettlebells
  - Heavy Rope routine
Teach Strength Training Concepts

- Teach Cardiovascular Fitness
  - Never neglect or minimize the importance of Cardio exercises
  - Cardio should be a daily routine
  - Over Cardio should be completed on non-lifting days
  - Find something that they enjoy doing that has cardio benefit and have them do it
  - Put Cardio Exercise everyone's weekly plan
Teach Strength Training Concepts

Fitness Concepts

- Principle of Overload/Progression
- Principle of Specificity
- Principle of Variation
- Benefits of Cross Training
- F.I.T.T. Concept
- Importance of CRE
- Proper Rest & Recovery
- Over Training Syndrome
- Proper Warm-up/Cool-down
- Benefits of Physical Activity
- Benefits of Flexibility
- Benefits of proper Hydration
- Benefits of proper Nutrition
Teach Circuit Training

- Circuit Training is a high endurance lifting program that will also have the benefit of cardio exercise
- Great for young & inexperienced lifters
- Great for endurance type athletes
- Great for a lifter who is recovering from an injury
- Excellent way to get into shape and tone muscles
Circuit Training Cycle

- Lift for 30 seconds, 10 to 15 reps
- Change places with your partner, possibly change the weight/resistance.
- Rest for 30 seconds/spot partner
- Move to a new exercise/station within 15-20 seconds
- Use fast paced music to keep the students moving quickly through the weight room.

**Circuit Training CD**

- 30 seconds 1 set rotation CD
- 30 seconds 2 sets rotation CD
- 1 minute 1 set rotation CD
- 1 minute 2 sets rotation CD
- 3 minute 1 set rotation CD
Circuit Training

❖ Sets - 1 to 3 sets
   (about 20 to 30 total minutes in length)
❖ Repetitions – 10 to 15 reps
❖ Intensity – Body weight or 60% of E1RM
❖ Rest Interval – 30 seconds

❖ Note: If the lifter cannot do 10 reps in 30 seconds, the weight/resistance is too high
❖ Note: If the lifter can do more than 15 reps in 30 seconds, the weight/resistance is too low
Set up Portable Fitness Stations

Circuit Training with portable fitness stations is excellent when working with:

- Physical Education Students
- Young Inexperienced Lifters
- Endurance Sport Athletes
- Avid lifters who need variation to get off a current lifting plateau
- As an additional workout area away from the weight room
Example of Portable Fitness Stations in Action

Portable Fitness Stations Circuit.mp4
Thank You!

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